

Walpole Convict Murdered

By GEORGE BRIGGS

WALPOLE -- The body of a young Walpole State Prison inmate was found yesterday lying on his blood-soaked bunk mattress punctured by multiple stab wounds.

The man, identified as Robert Bennett, 22, of 125 Boylston st., Jamaica Plain, Boston, apparently had been killed hours before his body was found during the morning bed check.

Dist. Atty. George G. Burke of Norfolk County said his office was investigating the murder and that an autopsy would be performed.

"No weapon was found," he said. "There are no clues."

He added that, "In cases like this, the prisoners have a code not to tell anything."

Burke said the body was lying face down with the covers neatly drawn up as though Bennett were merely sleeping. The guard who discovered the body thought that was the case until he noticed the blood.

Noting that Bennett's stabbing was the 12th murder this year in either Walpole or the Norfolk Prison Colony, both in his jurisdiction, Burke said he intended to recall the grand jury to investigate the situation.

Burke said matters have deteriorated so much at Walpole that "many prisoners there are afraid to go to sleep."

He said that this year Walpole had "more murders per capita than any other prison."

"It disturbs me that I now spend about 50 percent of my time investigating murders at prisons where five or six years ago it took up only about 10 percent of my time," Burke said.

The district attorney said that he had asked State Corrections Comm. John O. Boone to transfer "troublemakers" from the two prisons to the correctional facility at Bridgewater.

"I've been attempting to have the ring leaders removed so that we won't have these murders," Burke said.

Burke said he asked Boone two weeks ago to transfer 20 inmates but that the commissioner felt he could control the troublemakers by placing them in Cell Block 10, the segregation unit at Walpole.

Bennett, Burke said, had been in Block 10 until two days ago but had been moved to the general population at his own request.

Burke said Bennett was in Walpole as a parole violator. "He had been caught trying to get into a house," Burke said.

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Walpole reform urged after 7th slaying

By Jerry Taylor
Globe Staff

Walpole Prison Supt. Raymond E. Porelle told a group of newly-elected state legislators yesterday that the antidotes to inmate violence are tighter security and "professionalism" by the staff and reclassification, vocational training, higher wages and less crowding for prisoners.

"For the number of men we have here, with their sentences, we have practically nothing in vocational training," Porelle said. "Those who work should be getting appropriate pay. To ask someone to get involved in productive activity and pay them a dollar a day doesn't make sense."

Porelle received the touring lawmakers 24 hours after inmate Robert Bennett, 22, of Jamaica Plain, was found stabbed to death in his cell, the victim of a "planned execution," according to Norfolk County Dist. Atty. George Burke.

Bennett was the second inmate-slashing fatality at Walpole since Porelle became superintendent there three weeks ago and the fifth such murder victim at the prison in 12 months. Seven other persons, including two inmates at Walpole and two at Norfolk prison, have also met violent deaths in the past year.

Asked by Rep.-elect Paul White of Boston what corrective steps he planned, Porelle replied:

"It means professionalizing the entire way of running a maximum security institution. It means reducing the traffic in contraband. It means security and fairness for residents, reclassification and good professionalism of the entire staff."

White, three other representatives-elect and Sen.-elect Stephen McGrail of Wakefield, toured Walpole and Norfolk prisons and the Correction Department's pre-release center in Mattapan at the invitation of the Massachusetts Council on Crime and Correction.

The MCCC plans to expose 45 more new legislators to state correctional institutions in the next 10 days.

Porelle declined to elaborate on what security measures he envi-

sioned for Walpole or on what he considered necessary to professionalize his staff. Nor would he say how much more than the current \$1.50-a-day maximum Walpole prisoners should be paid.

But the former Federal Bureau of Prisons security officer was quick to acknowledge several serious problems.

"We have leaks in the roof over our hospital, inner control room and the Honeywell computer section, and there's no money to make repairs," Porelle said. "We have an insufficient number of doctors and nurses to handle the problems that come

about, and the hospital is too small. We're crowded, bulging at the seams with over 600 men. We shouldn't have so many in this institution."

Walpole held 615 men yesterday and Norfolk 613. Walpole has three dozen more inmates than it did early last fall while Norfolk has about 100 fewer.

Porelle estimated that only one inmate in three now receives academic or vocational training, a proportion he would like to double.

"People do not have enough to do," he said. "It gives them time to think of mischief they can get into."

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10 Inmates 'Run Walpole'

By DANIEL Q. HANEY
(Associated Press)

Convicted crime figures are making their presence known in Massachusetts' top security prison at Walpole, federal and state officials say, exerting influence on the everyday life of prisoners and even determining who lives and who is to die.

At Walpole State Prison, and at the nearby state prison in Norfolk, more than 30 inmates have been stabbed this year. A dozen have died, many of them in what officials say are executions ordered or carried out on the inside by men who were their enemies outside.

The latest victim, Robert Bennett, was stabbed 50 times in his cell only days after being released from protective custody in another section of the

"It's easier to kill somebody inside a prison than it is on the outside," he said. "When you've got somebody enclosed in a certain boundary you know where your victim is."

Many of the executions are committed by "a cohesive group of criminal figures," said Harrington, head of the U.S. Justice Dept's New England strike force on organized crime.

THESE 10 MEN, Harrington said, "have great influence because of their reputation for violence. They attempt to control all activity among the inmate population."

He did not identify the men. No charges have been filed in any of the deaths.

Knifing is the customary means of death, and afterwards, prisoners say they know nothing about the crime. Sometimes the area of the killing has been washed to deter investigators.

Norfolk Dist. Atty. George Furke, whose county includes both Norfolk and Walpole prisons, agrees with Harrington. "The inmates are in control," he said.

Walpole prison. Three days before his death, Bennett wrote his mother that he would be killed, and said, "I did not wrong the person who did this to me."

Crackdowns on organized crime have thrown dozens of prominent members of the Boston underworld into Walpole prison, according to John O. Boone, Massachusetts' commissioner of corrections.

At Walpole, about 10 of the strongest and meanest prisoners run the prison on a system of fear and rewards, according to Edward Harrington, a federal anti-crime official.

Some of the killings, Harrington said, are contracts paid-for assassinations ordered by mob figures crossed by the victim before his conviction.

BOONE, THE MAN with ultimate official authority over the state's prisons, said there is "a slew of Mafia types at Walpole" but he minimized the control they have over their fellow inmates.

Drug traffic and other prison crimes are "small time," Boone said, and members of organized crime are "too cool" to get involved with them. He said the "organized crime types" often use members of Boston-area street gangs as flunkies behind the prison walls.

There is a lot of violence, he said, because "prison is sort of a jungle. This is the way some of these men behave."

Many of the inmates in power knew each other while on the outside, Harrington said.

"SOME OF THEM were involved in what is popularly considered to be organized crime," he said. "Others were just well-known crime figures. These two types of criminal figures have associated themselves in the prison in a cohesive group."

Most of the criminal elite, Harrington said, "have had a reputation in the underworld of being criminals of some stature. Some people have this reputation because of their success or because they're known as men of violence."

Once their identities are established in prison, Harrington said, prisoners will do what they say.

"When people have the ultimate power over the life of other individuals because of the awareness on everybody's

part that these people will carry out death sentences, they arrogate to themselves a great deal of power," Harrington said.

HARRINGTON DECLINED comment when asked what remedy he would suggest to correct the situation. Burke, however, said he believed the criminal leadership should be broken up by transfers to other facilities.

"When you have ring leaders who have pressure brought on other inmates, the prisoners know that these leaders control the prison, and everyone wants to do what he's supposed to," said Burke.

If an inmate commits a crime, Burke said, guards "won't go into the prison to remove him, because they don't want to upset anything. They'll wait until everyone is locked up at night. It's too dangerous for the guard to go in immediately."

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Synopsis:

STANLEY RAY BOND was killed by a bomb at MCI, Walpole, Mass. on 5/24/72. AUSA, Boston, Mass. advised that the indictment against BOND dismissed 7/12/72, ROBERT JOSEPH VALERI has not been sentenced in this matter, and trial of WILLIAM MORRILL GILDAY has not been scheduled to date. ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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DETAILS

On May 24, 1972, PALMER C. SCAFATI, Superintendent, Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Walpole, Massachusetts, advised that inmate STANLEY RAY BOND had been killed on that date in the jail by a bomb. U

On July 17, 1972, Assistant United States Attorney EDWARD J. LEE, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that the indictment against BOND, charging him with Theft of Government Property and Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution, was dismissed by the United States District Court Judge FRANCIS MURRAY, Boston, Massachusetts, on July 12, 1972, ROBERT JOSEPH VALERIE has not been sentenced in this matter as yet, and the trial of WILLIAM MORRILL GILDAY has not been scheduled to date. U

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